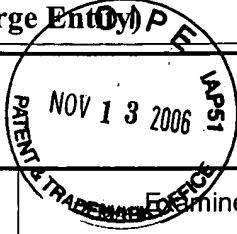


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

**(Large Entity) P**

Docket No.  
4296-144 US

In Re Application Of: **HIRAO et al.**



Application No. 09/919,024	Filing Date July 31, 2001	Examiner Taylor Victor OH	Customer No. 26817	Group Art Unit 1625	Confirmation No. 3715
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Invention: **METHOD FOR STARTING UP REACTOR**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of June 13, 2006 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):


- One month     
  Two months     
  Three months     
  Four months     
  Five months

from: September 13, 2006      until: November 13, 2006  
*Date*      *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$450** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **13-2165**.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **13-2165**.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

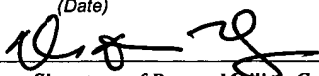
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*Signature*

Dated: **November 6, 2006**

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